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1. It may help you to have a check-list of points decided at the PUS's meeting this afternoon:

- i) UN action: Draft instructions were agreed for Sir A Parsons for the continuation of the debate in the Security Council. The intention being to press for a vote and to complete this phase of discussion as soon as possible. (Action: Head of UND)
- ii) HMS Endurance: We needed to establish as soon as possible what precise instructions had been given to the Endurance, in particular what were its present rules of engagement and its instructions with regard to the marines still ashore in South Georgia. (Action: Head of Defence Department)
- iii) Falkland's Governor and marines: The Governor and marines will return to the UK by a RAF flight reaching Brize Norton at 0840 of Monday 5 April. The flight should bring 33 members of the Embassy staff from Buenos Aires. It was hoped that HM Ambassador would come on that flight too. (Action: Head of SAmD)  
It was agreed that it should be recommended that Mr Luce, the Chief Clerk and members of Welfare Section should go out to meet the Governor and that Ministers should be consulted about whether or not the Governor and the Captain of the marines should be interviewed at Brize Norton. (Action: Heads of SAmD and News Department)
- iv) Economic Measures: The implications of the Government's decision to freeze Argentine financial assets was under discussion in the Treasury. The Head of ERD was asked to discuss the possibility of persuading friendly countries to mount additional economic pressure against Argentina, e.g. by discouraging their banks and to provide an assessment of what economic hostages to fortune we had in Argentina.
- v) Organisation: A separate minute is circulated.
- vi) Guidances: It was agreed that the principle diplomatic action would now be to explain the purpose of the despatch of the task force to a large number of allied and friendly states around the world. (Action: Mr Ure)  
It would also be necessary to provide more detailed briefing to the United States on the use of the base at Ascension Island. (Action: Mr Weston)

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- vii) Chile: HM Ambassador at Santiago to be brought up-to-date on latest developments. (Action: Head of SAmD)
- viii) UK Citizens in Argentina: The Strategy Action Group would need to consider future policy towards British citizens in Argentina and what, if any, advice should be given them. (Action: Mr Giffard)
- ix) Action at the United Nations: The Strategy Action Group should give urgent consideration to the next steps at the UN.
- x) The texts of the two debates today should be studied closely to establish the points of criticism that needed to be answered (action Mr Ure) and the positive suggestions which needed to be followed up (action Mr Giffard).

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1. PS to the PUS has suggested that we might expect to be able to hold an office meeting at about 2pm to consider the situation in the light of the debate. The following seem the principle issues:-

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- (a) the general line of policy needs to be explained to Sir A Parsons for the continuation of the debate in the Security Council. Mr Williams is considering the UK tactics. But we need to set these against the development of the general policy, in particular;
- (b) in respect of the despatch of the task force which has now been announced. The principle diplomatic action will be to explain the purposes of the despatch of the task force to the Americans and more widely in NATO, the EC and the Commonwealth, and other friendly states, including those in Latin America.
- (c) consider the implications of the decision to freeze Argentine financial assets.
- (d) the reception of the Governor of the Falkland Islands on his return (currently scheduled for 0840 hours on Monday, 5 April).

2. Other questions which may need to be considered are:-

- (a) action in support of the task force, eg primarily with Chile, NATO and the United States.
- (b) any question of further action to protect the British community or British interests in the Argentine with a possible element of evacuation.
- (c) co-ordination with the Ministry of Defence of the publicity in respect of both the despatch of the task force and the return of the Governor.
- (d) legal aspects of our relationship with Argentina.

It might be useful also to discuss the organisation of an emergency unit in the longer term.

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